

## SENATE RESOLUTION 181

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to commend Benjamin Eris Simpson III for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Eris Simpson III, the son of Ben and Sara Simpson, is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Steve Southerland; Ben's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was highly regarded by his peers, Ben Simpson achieved academic success while majoring in political science, minoring in biology, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, while attending college, Mr. Simpson was a valued member of numerous organizations, including the Student Government Association, the Interfraternal Council, GreekShape, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and the Phi Sigma Theta Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, a community leader of no small measure, Ben Simpson has volunteered his time and energies to such worthwhile civic organizations as Camping for Cans, Habitat for Humanity, Coats for the Cold, Race for the Cure, the C.E.A.S.E. Shelter for Battered Women, and the Governor's Mentor Program; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Simpson brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2007 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ben devoted himself to ensuring the seamless function of the Senate Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture Committee and his professionalism and helpful demeanor never faltered; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Simpson was chosen as the “Most Flirtatious” of the 2007 intern class; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2007 legislative session, he has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Ben has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Benjamin Eris Simpson III for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Steve Southerland and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.